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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

SUBJECT : Blue Ribbon Defense Panel Report

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Organization &  
Reorganization*

1. As you are aware, the President's Blue Ribbon Defense Panel (chaired by Gilbert W. Fitzhugh, Chairman of Board, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company) has recently completed a year's study of the operations and organization of the Department of Defense. Their report, a copy of which is attached, has received considerable attention in the press.

2. Some of the recommendations are quite controversial, and at this time it is not clear what the outcome will be with regard to actual implementation. Nevertheless, since some of the changes proposed by the Panel could impact on the way the Agency does its business, it seems prudent to do some homework with the report as it now stands.

3. You will note that on page ix is a list of some 14 appendices which are to be published separately. I presume that in due course these too will be made available to us.

4. After I return from leave, it may be appropriate to assemble our thoughts collectively and assess what these changes, if implemented, may portend for CIA/Defense relationships.



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Executive Director-Comptroller

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I talked to Tom  
Pattot to the effect that  
we would have little  
comment as no basic  
legal implications at this  
time  
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